

To whom it may concern,

This is in regards to the US Canadian Treaty. There are many factors in deciding what the next step is for the future of the Treaty. Here are a few points.

We are a mom and pop operation. We have a moderate size fishing vessel that has a 15 ton fish hold capacity. We normally fish alone, on occasions we have fished with two or three other boats (a group). In the time that we have been fishing albacore, approximately 10 years, we have noticed a dramatic change in the Canadian fleet. Where there used to be areas of 4 to 5 small to moderate size fishing vessels, now there are areas where you can see 60 to 70 fishing vessels that are fairly large, perhaps with 30 to 60 ton fish hold capacities.

We have also fallen prey to being bullied. There have been a few vessels that either push you off your tack, cross tack, make the fish sound, do the pinch, shut down and drift, and other aggressive maneuvers. The few Canadian people that we have talked to at the dock are very nice, but once your out on the fishing grounds its a different ball game.

We also believe that there will be more participation with a younger generation of US fisherman. Our son has started to show interest in fishing. We really need to look forward to the future.

As we all know there is and always will be concerns of overfishing. We believe that the US EZZ zone should be the exclusive responsibility of the US, maintain and manage this sustainable fishery. Hopefully we can set an example for the rest of the world.

In conclusion, with our personal hands on experience, we feel that the Canadian Treaty, be at the minimum, temporarily suspended.

Thank you for your time,

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